

**Superior Court of Washington
County of**

In re Parentage:

and
Petitioner,

and
Respondent,

☐ Acknowledged Father, if applicable, Respondent,

☐ Adjudicated Father, if applicable, Respondent.

No.

**Petition for Establishment of
Parentage Pursuant to RCW
26.26.540(2)
(PTDTP)**

Use this petition when there is an adjudicated father or an Acknowledgment of Paternity filed with the Washington State Registrar of Vital Statistics; otherwise use form WPF PS 01.0100.

I. Basis

1.1 Cause of Action

This action affects the paternity of:

_____[Name], born on _____ [Date], a
resident of _____ County, Washington.

_____[Name], born on _____ [Date], a
resident of _____ County, Washington.

Petitioner, _____ [Name] brings this petition for the establishment of
parentage pursuant to RCW 26.26.540(2). The respondents in this action are the child's mother
_____[Name], ☐ the child's acknowledged father,
_____[Name], who signed an Acknowledgment of Paternity and
filed it with the Washington State Registrar of Vital Statistics on
_____[Date]; ☐ the child's adjudicated
father _____ [Name], as determined by court order and judgment entered on
_____[Date]. A copy of the judgment of paternity is attached.

1.2 Effective Date of Acknowledgement of Paternity

- ☐ Does not apply.
- ☐ The effective date of the Acknowledgment of Paternity is _____ [Date]
because:
- ☐ the acknowledgment was filed with the Washington State Registrar of Vital Statistics on that date.
- ☐ that was the date of the child's birth which is after the date on which the acknowledgment was filed with the Washington State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

A copy of the Acknowledgment of Paternity is filed with this petition.

1.3 Basis of Personal Jurisdiction

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ The mother and petitioner engaged in sexual intercourse in the state of Washington as a result of which the child was conceived.

Jurisdiction over mother:

- ☐ The mother was personally served with a summons within this state;
- ☐ The mother submits to jurisdiction of this state by consent as evidenced by joinder or consent to jurisdiction signed by the mother;
- ☐ The mother resided with the child in this state;
- ☐ The mother resided in this state and provided prenatal expenses or support for the child;
- ☐ The child resides in this state as a result of the acts or directives of the mother;
- ☐ Other:

Jurisdiction over acknowledged or adjudicated father:

- ☐ _____ [Name] was personally served with a summons within this state.
- ☐ _____ [Name] submits to jurisdiction of this state by consent as evidenced by joinder or consent to jurisdiction signed by the acknowledged or adjudicated father;
- ☐ _____ [Name] resided with the child in this state;
- ☐ _____ [Name] resided in this state and provided prenatal expenses or support for the child.
- ☐ The child resides in this state as a result of the acts or directives of _____ [Name of acknowledged or adjudicated father].
- ☐ Other:

- ☐ The following parties are presently residing in the state of Washington:

- ☐ mother
- ☐ acknowledged father
- ☐ adjudicated father

☐ Other:

1.4 Time for Filing Petition

This proceeding is begun not more than two years after ☐ the effective date of the Acknowledgment of Paternity ☐ the date the judgment adjudicating paternity was entered.

1.5 Jurisdiction Over the Child

This court has jurisdiction over the child for the reasons set forth below:

- ☐ This court has exclusive continuing jurisdiction. The court has previously made a child custody, parenting plan, residential schedule or visitation determination in this matter and retains jurisdiction under RCW 26.27.211.
- ☐ This state is the home state of the child because
 - ☐ the child lived in Washington with a parent or person acting as a parent for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the commencement of this proceeding;
 - ☐ the child is less than six months old and has lived in Washington with a parent or a person acting as parent since birth;
 - ☐ any absences from Washington have only been temporary;
 - ☐ Washington was the home state of the child within six months before the commencement of this proceeding and the child is absent from the state but a parent or person acting as a parent continues to live in this state;
- ☐ The child and the parents or the child and at least one parent or person acting as a parent, have significant connection with the state other than mere physical presence; and substantial evidence is available in this state concerning the child's care, protection, training and personal relationships and
 - ☐ the child has no home state elsewhere;
 - ☐ the child's home state has declined to exercise jurisdiction on the ground that this state is the more appropriate forum under RCW 26.27.261 or .271.
- ☐ All courts in the child's home state have declined to exercise jurisdiction on the ground that a court of this state is the more appropriate forum to determine the custody of the child under RCW 26.27.261 or .271.
- ☐ No other state has jurisdiction.
- ☐ This court has temporary emergency jurisdiction over this proceeding because the child is present in this state and the child has been abandoned or it is necessary in an emergency to protect the child because the child, or a sibling or parent of the child is subjected to or threatened with abuse. RCW 26.27.231.
 - ☐ There is a previous custody determination that is entitled to be enforced under this chapter or a child custody proceeding has been commenced in a court of a state having jurisdiction under RCW 26.27.201 through 26.27.221. The requirements of RCW 26.27.231(3) apply to this matter. This state's jurisdiction over the children shall last until _____ [Date].
 - ☐ There is no previous custody determination that is entitled to be enforced under this chapter and a child custody proceeding has not been commenced in a court of a state having jurisdiction under RCW 26.27.201 through 26.27.221. If an action is not filed in _____ [potential home state] by the time

the child has been in Washington for six months, _____ [Date],
then Washington's jurisdiction will be final and continuing.

☐ Other:

1.6 Child Support

The child is entitled to financial support pursuant to the Washington State Support Schedule and health insurance coverage from any parent owing a duty of child support.

1.7 Parentage and Residential Placement

It is in the child's best interest to obtain a judicial determination of the parentage of the child and to make provisions for the residential placement of the child.

☐ It is in the child's best interests to enter the residential schedule/parenting plan proposed by petitioner.

During the last five years, the child has lived:

- ☐ in no place other than the state of Washington and with no person other than the declarant or a named party.
- ☐ in the following places with the following persons (list each place the child lived, including the state of Washington, the dates the child lived there and the names of the persons with whom the child lived. The present addresses of those persons must be listed in the required Confidential Information Form.):

Claims to custody or visitation.

- ☐ I do not know of any person other than a named party who has physical custody of, or claims to have custody or visitation rights to the child.
- ☐ The following persons have physical custody of, or claim to have custody or visitation rights to the child (list their names and the child(ren) concerned below and list their present addresses in the Confidential Information Form. Do not list the responding party.):

Involvement in any other proceeding concerning the child:

- ☐ I have not been involved in any other proceeding regarding the child.
- ☐ I have been involved in the following proceedings regarding the child (list the court, the case number, and the date of the judgment or order):

Other legal proceedings concerning the child:

- ☐ I do not know of any other legal proceedings concerning the child.

- ☐ I know of the following legal proceedings which concern the child (list the child concerned, the court, case number and the kind of proceeding):

1.8 Continuing Restraining Order

- ☐ Does not apply.
- ☐ A continuing restraining order should be entered which restrains or enjoins _____ [Name] from disturbing the peace of _____ [Name].
- ☐ A continuing restraining order should be entered which restrains or enjoins _____ [Name] from going onto the grounds of or entering the home, work place or school of _____ [Name] or the day care or school of the child.
- ☐ A continuing restraining order should be entered which restrains or enjoins _____ [Name] from knowingly coming within or knowingly remaining within _____ (Distance) of the home, work place or school of _____ [Name] or the day care or school of the child.
Other: _____.
- ☐ A continuing restraining order should be entered which restrains or enjoins _____ [Name] from molesting, assaulting, harassing, or stalking _____ [Name]. (If the court orders this relief, the restrained person will be prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition under federal law for the duration of the order. An exception exists for law enforcement officers and military personnel when carrying department/government-issued firearms. 18 U.S.C. section 925(a)(1).)
- ☐ Other:

1.9 Protection Order

- ☐ Does not apply.
- ☐ A domestic violence protection order should be entered protecting _____ [Name] from _____ [Name] because _____ [Name] has committed domestic violence as defined by 26.50 RCW against _____ [Name]. (If the court orders this relief, the restrained person will be prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition under federal law for the duration of the order. An exception exists for law enforcement officers and military personnel when carrying department/government-issued firearms. 18 U.S.C. § 925(a)(1).)

If you need immediate protection, contact the clerk/court for RCW 26.50 Domestic Violence forms.

1.10 Other

II. Relief Requested

The court is requested to enter an order and judgment that:

- ☐ Declares _____ [Name] to be the father of the child.
- ☐ Amends the birth certificate of the child to identify the father.
- ☐ Changes the child's surname to _____ [Surname].
- ☐ Determines support for the dependent child pursuant to the Washington State Child Support Schedule and orders either or both parents to maintain or provide health insurance coverage for the child and pay extraordinary uninsured costs proportionate to their income.
- ☐ Adopts a residential schedule/parenting plan for the child as proposed by petitioner.
- ☐ Makes provision for a domestic violence protection order.
- ☐ Makes provision for a continuing restraining order.
- ☐ Awards court costs, genetic test costs, guardian ad litem, attorney, and other reasonable fees.
- ☐ Other:

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner or Lawyer /WSBA No.

III. Declaration

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that I am the petitioner in this action, that I have made the allegations contained in this petition based upon my first hand knowledge, and therefore believe that they are true.

Signed at _____, [City] _____ [State] on _____ [Date].

Signature of Petitioner

Print or Type Name

☐ **Joinder**

☐ I, _____ [Name] join in the petition. I understand that by joining in the petition, a decree or judgment and order may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the petition, unless prior to the entry of the decree or judgment and order a response is filed and served.

☐ I waive notice of entry of the decree.

- ☐ I demand notice of all further proceedings in this matter. Further notice should be sent to the following address: [You may list an address that is not your residential address where you agree to accept legal documents.]

Any time this address changes while this action is pending, you must notify the opposing parties in writing and file an updated Confidential Information Form (WPF DRPSCU 09.0200) with the court clerk.

Dated: _____

Signature of Joining Party

Print or Type Name

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